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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A portable vehicle cover including:
 - a base frame;
 - a plurality of transversely extending hoop members, each hoop member being releasably connectable with the base frame, where the plurality of transversely extending hoop members includes~~[[:]] a centrally extending hoop member that includes one or more pivotally connected extension arms for supporting the portable vehicle cover against a vehicle,~~ at least two hoop members that substantially extend diagonally across the base frame in a cruciform orientation~~, and;~~
 - ~~at least two end hoop members pivotally connected to the base frame~~
 - at least two hingedly connected vehicle tire engaging pads, where the vehicle tire engaging pads are adjustably rotatable about an axis perpendicular to a plane defined by the base frame to accommodate vehicles having different wheelbase lengths, and where the vehicle tire engaging pads secure the portable vehicle cover with respect to a vehicle when the vehicle is positioned on the tire engaging pads; and
 - a flexible cover engagable with the plurality of transversely extending hoop members to form a weather shield for the vehicle.
2. (Previously presented) A portable vehicle cover according to claim 1, where the plurality of transversely extending hoop members form substantially arcuate hoops when connected to the base frame.
3. (Currently amended) A portable vehicle cover according to claim 1, where each one of the plurality of extending hoop member members is formed from two or more releasably connectable pieces.

4. (Currently amended) A portable vehicle cover according to claim 1, where each one of the plurality of extending hoop member members is formed from a single continuous piece.
5. (Currently amended) A portable vehicle cover according to claim 1, where one or more of the plurality of extending hoop member members are hingedly connected to the base frame.
6. (Canceled)
7. (Currently amended) A portable vehicle cover according to claim [[1]] 32, where the flexible cover includes a hoop engaging sleeve at each ~~of its ends~~ end of the flexible cover for slidably engaging with the at least two end hoop members.
8. (Previously presented) A portable vehicle cover according to claim 1, where the flexible cover is secured to the base frame with a plurality of flexible strap members of selectively adjustable lengths.
9. (Previously presented) A portable vehicle cover according to claim 1, where the frame includes two transversely spaced longitudinally extending elongate frame members.
10. (Previously presented) A portable vehicle cover according to claim 9, where each elongate frame member is formed from two hingedly connected elongate portions.
11. (Previously presented) A portable vehicle cover according to claim 9, where each elongate frame member includes one or more telescopingly connected extension for selectively extending the length of the base frame.
12. (Previously presented) A portable vehicle cover according to claim 11, where each elongate frame member includes two telescopingly connected extensions.
13. (Previously presented) A portable vehicle cover according to claim 9, including one or

more transversely extending, flexible and selectively extendible tie members for spacing apart the elongate frame members.

14. (Previously presented) A portable vehicle cover according to claim 13, where the tie members are flexible straps.

15. (Currently amended) A portable vehicle cover according to claim 1, where the ~~base frame includes~~ at least two hingedly connected vehicle tire engaging pads comprise four vehicle tire engaging pads for retaining the portable vehicle cover with respect to the vehicle.

16. (Previously presented) A portable vehicle cover according to claim 15, where at least two of the tire pads include two hingedly connected length adjustment portions.

17. (Previously presented) A portable vehicle cover according to claim 15, where at least two of the tire pads are hingedly connected to the base frame.

18. (Previously presented) A portable vehicle cover according to claim 9, where the base frame includes a plurality of hoop engaging sockets.

19. (Previously presented) A portable vehicle cover according to claim 18, where four of the hoop-engaging sockets are hingedly connected to the elongate frame members.

20. (Previously presented) A portable vehicle cover according to claim 18, where the hoop engaging sockets are angled outwardly away from the portable vehicle cover.

21. (Previously presented) A portable vehicle cover according to claim 20, where the sockets are inclined at an angle of between 10 and 20 degrees to the vertical plane.

22. (Previously presented) A portable vehicle cover according to claim 18, where each hoop engaging socket includes a releasable fastener for retaining the end of each hoop member.

23. (Previously presented) A portable vehicle cover according to claim 1, where the portable vehicle cover includes a hoop clamp for releasably clamping at least two hoop members.

24. (Previously presented) A portable vehicle cover according to claim 23, where the hoop clamp is in a form of a hub for receiving one or more ends of the releasably connectable hoop member pieces.

25-26. (Canceled)

27. (Currently amended) A portable vehicle cover according to claim ~~[[1]]~~ 34, where each of the one or more pivotally connected extension arms includes a selectively extendable length.

28. (Currently amended) A portable vehicle cover according to claim ~~[[1]]~~ 34, where each of the one or more pivotally connected extension arms includes a suction cap at a distal end for engaging the vehicle.

29. (Previously presented) A portable vehicle cover according to claim 1, where the hoop members are formed from a substantially resilient material.

30. (Previously presented) A portable vehicle cover according to claim 9, where each elongate frame member is substantially formed from tubular aluminum.

31. (Canceled)

32. (New) A portable vehicle cover according to claim 1, further comprising:
at least two end hoop members hingedly connected to the base frame.

33. (New) A portable vehicle cover according to claim 1, where the plurality of transversely extending hoop members includes:
a centrally extending hoop member,

at least two diagonally extending hoop members, and
at least two pivotally connected end hoop members.

34. (New) A portable vehicle cover according to claim 33, where the centrally extending hoop member includes one or more pivotally connected extension arms that support the portable vehicle cover against the vehicle, when the vehicle is positioned on the tire engaging pads.